



## **ASCENDER Business Release Notes**

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### ASCENDER 8.0600

**Release Date:** 02/07/24 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0600

#### ASCENDER Homepage & Quick View Dashboard

- Modified the program to save and display data based on the user's **Profile Name** instead of **User ID**.

## Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

Update: 8.0400

### ASCENDER 8.0400

**Release Date:** 12/15/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0400

#### Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Invoice Payments > Payments

- Corrected the Cash Receipts lookup to only include cash receipt transactions from the current Accounts Receivable accounting period and current Finance GL file ID.

#### Finance

- Per Frontline requirements, created a standard extract for Frontline Analytics Finance reporting for all ASCENDER clients. Refer to Technical Documentation > Third Party Extracts for setup information.

## Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks

- Modified the program to prevent duplicate values from being saved in the **From** column.

## Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Vendor/Purchase Order Reports > FIN2100 - 1099 Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1099-MISC/1099-NEC forms/instructions and all 1099-MISC/1099-NEC functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

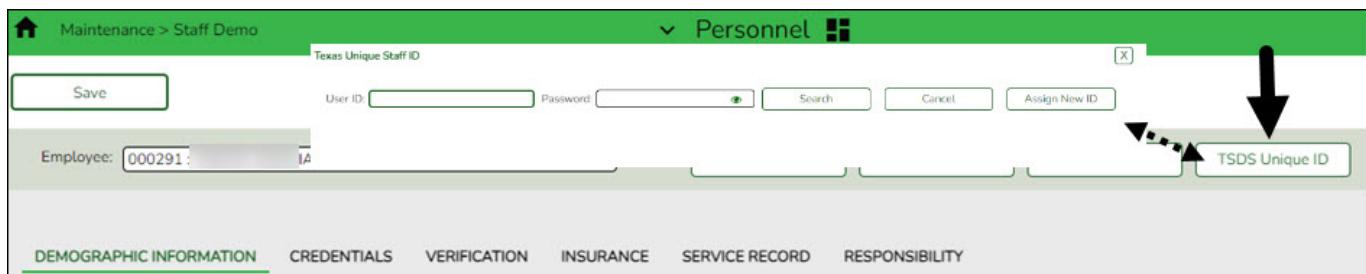
## Payroll > Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > HRS5100 - W-2 Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

## Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Demographic Information

- Added the **TSDS Unique ID** button. This functionality works in conjunction with the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). TSDS uses web services for Unique ID and for the Data Transmission Utility (DTU) allowing ASCENDER to interact directly with their Unique ID application to assign Unique IDs.

Before the **TSDS Unique ID** button can be used in ASCENDER, the LEA's designated TEAL user must obtain web service access.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER software interface for managing staff demographic information. The top navigation bar includes 'Maintenance > Staff Demo' and 'Personnel'. The main form has fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and a 'Save' button. Below these are fields for 'Employee' (containing '000291') and 'IA'. On the right side of the form, there is a 'TSDS Unique ID' button, which is the focus of the annotation. The bottom of the screen shows tabs for 'DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION', 'CREDENTIALS', 'VERIFICATION', 'INSURANCE', 'SERVICE RECORD', and 'RESPONSIBILITY'. The 'DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION' tab is currently selected.

## Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5250 - 1095-B Forms

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B form/instructions and all 1095-B functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

**Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5255 - 1095-C Forms**

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-C form/instructions and all 1095-C functionality to support the 2023 tax year.
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**Position Management > Maintenance > PMIS Change In Position > Separation**

- Modified the program to correctly calculate the pay rate for pay type 3 employees when processing a separation and display the correct pay rate on the CIP report.
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**EmployeePortal****EmployeePortal > Inquiry > W-2 Information**

- Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2023 tax year.
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**EmployeePortal > Inquiry > 1095 Information**

- Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B/1095-C forms/instructions and all 1095-B/1095-C functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

[Update: 8.0200](#)

**ASCENDER 8.0200**

**Release Date:** 10/10/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0200

## TSDS Ed-Fi Finance Actual Extract

- Changed the procedure to use the *SYR Actual - Short Year Fund/YR* option from the Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks page when the extract is run on a GL File ID that is a short year.

Update: 8.0100

## ASCENDER 8.0100

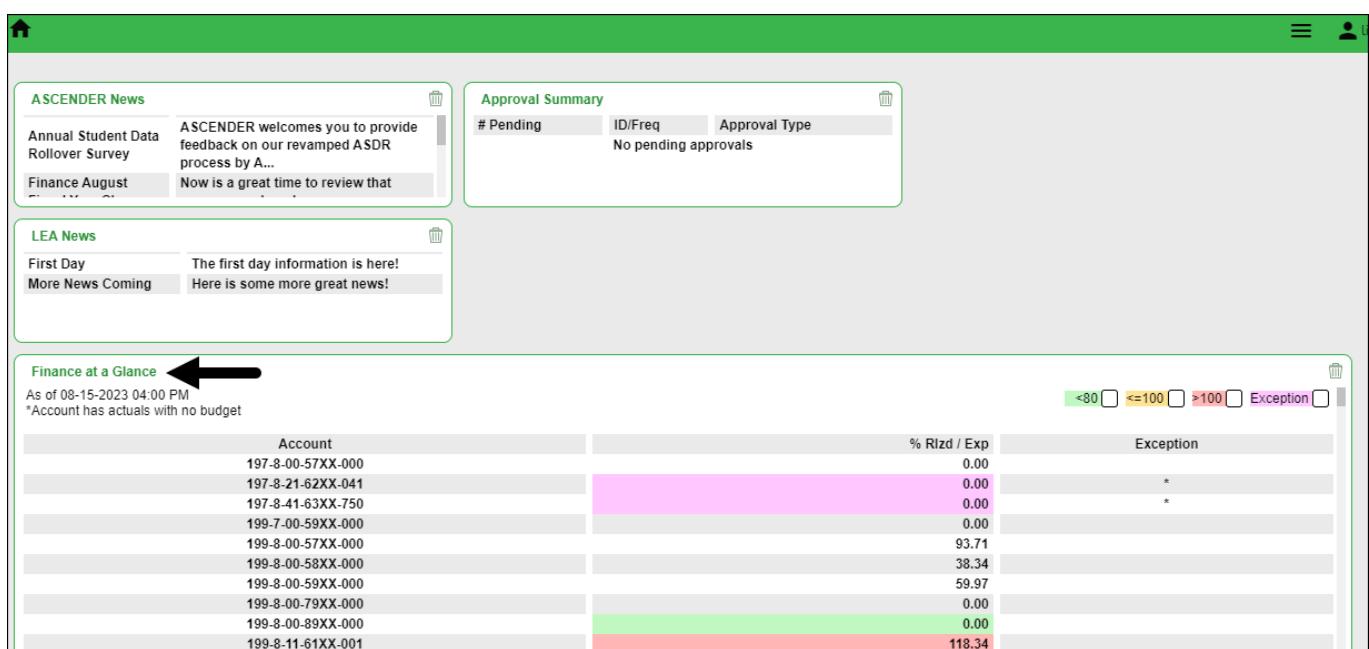
**Release Date:** 9/11/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0100

### ASCENDER Homepage

- Added the **LEA News** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature allows LEA personnel to add and manage important news, announcements, or upcoming events, and display them on the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. Each news entry includes a start and end date, a summary (topic), and a description. Additionally, if needed, entries can be limited to a specific audience based on their permission to an application and breadcrumb (menu item). This functionality is managed on the new District Administration > Tables > LEA News page.

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER homepage with a green header. Below the header, there are two main sections: 'ASCENDER News' and 'Approval Summary'. The 'ASCENDER News' section contains two news items: 'Annual Student Data Rollover Survey' and 'Finance August'. The 'Finance August' item has a summary: 'Now is a great time to review that'. The 'Approval Summary' section shows a table with columns for '# Pending', 'ID/Freq', and 'Approval Type', with the status 'No pending approvals'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'LEA News' section with a news item for 'First Day' and another for 'More News Coming'. The 'First Day' item has a summary: 'The first day information is here! Here is some more great news!'. A large black arrow points to the 'LEA News' section.

- Added the **Finance at a Glance** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature displays a personalized summary of accounts based on the user's profile in District Administration. This data is retrieved from the general ledger balances in Finance file ID C and is updated on an hourly basis (at the top of the hour). Additionally, there are filters available to view selected accounts.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER Business Release Notes interface. At the top, there are two news sections: 'ASCENDER News' and 'Approval Summary'. The 'ASCENDER News' section contains items like 'Annual Student Data Rollover Survey' and 'Finance August'. The 'Approval Summary' section shows 'No pending approvals'. Below these are 'LEA News' sections for 'First Day' and 'More News Coming'. The main content area is titled 'Finance at a Glance' with a timestamp 'As of 08-15-2023 04:00 PM' and a note 'Account has actuals with no budget'. It includes a table with columns for Account, % Rizd / Exp, and Exception, with a legend for budget ranges (<80, <=100, >100, Exception). The table data is as follows:

Account	% Rizd / Exp	Exception
197-8-00-57XX-000	0.00	*
197-8-21-62XX-041	0.00	*
197-8-41-63XX-750	0.00	
199-7-00-59XX-000	0.00	
199-8-00-57XX-000	93.71	
199-8-00-58XX-000	39.34	
199-8-00-59XX-000	59.97	
199-8-00-79XX-000	0.00	
199-8-00-89XX-000	0.00	
199-8-11-61XX-001	118.34	

## Warehouse > Reports > Warehouse Reports

Removed the sort/filter options from the following reports:

- BWH1000 - Inventory Status Report
- BWH1050 - Warehouse Inventory Report Sorted By Category
- BWH1100 - Reorder Report
- BWH1150 - Print Shipping Order
- BWH1200 - Reprint Shipping Order
- BWH1250 - Back Order Report
- BWH1300 - Receiving Report for Inventory Items
- BWH1350 - Warehouse Transaction Register
- BWH1400 - Inventory Item History Report
- BWH1450 - Print Purchase Order Form
- BWH1500 - Reprint Purchase Order Form
- BWH1600 - Commodity Codes Actual Cost Report



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